



CASA PACIFICA

Best in Fest

COMPETITION

“BEST IN FEST” BREWERY COMPETITION

of the Casa Pacifica Angels Wine, Food & Brew Festival

Sunday, April 12th, 2026

BEER COMPETITION RULES

Competition spaces are limited to the first 20 applicants who complete online registration and agree to the rules below. The Beer Competition judging will take place on Sunday, April 12, 2026 in order to give the winning brew appropriate special recognition at the Festival.

1. In order to compete, the brewery must have already registered as a 2026 Festival Exhibitor. **Registration for the Festival’s Best in Fest Competition IS NOT COMPLETE until this Rules Form has been signed and returned by email to events@casapacifica.org.**
NO EXCEPTIONS!

2. Breweries are limited to one entry. Each brewery’s competing brew will be picked up the week of the competition. Breweries will supply one 12oz 6-pack or one 16oz 4-pack or two 32oz (or larger) crowler/growler for judging. Breweries must indicate beer style and any special ingredients used in brewing. Breweries are encouraged to include their own beer pairing suggestions.

3. This competition is judged blind. Beers will be judged against a hybrid of Brewers Association Guidelines and BJCP guidelines. The score sheets will include Festival-specific fields including but not limited to food pairing suggestions. Judges will be notified of the number of beers and specific styles that have been entered into the competition. The judges will be emailed the hybrid judging guidelines and score sheets before the competition. All judges will be either BJCP recognized certified cicerones or industry experts. Festival management reserves all rights to make final decisions regarding any rules or proceedings throughout the course of the beer competition.

4. Competition judges will select a “Best in Fest” beer in the following manner:

First Round

- a) Beers will be judged against their base style.
- b) The beer scores will be recorded on judging score sheets.
- c) Judges will also include food-pairing suggestions.
- d) Competition coordinator will collect the score sheets and tabulate the score for each beer.

Second Round

- a) The top 3 point earning beers will advance to second round.
- b) If two beers are tied with top scores, they will be the only beers to advance to Best in Fest round.
- c) Each judge will rate his or her beers in order of preference. The beer with the highest score will win.
- d) The judges will rank their favorite beers in this round to select the “Best in Fest” beer.

5. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place breweries.

The “Best in Fest” 1st Place Winner will receive:

- a) An exclusive feature as the sole brewery showcased at our Top Chef Yummie Dinner on Friday, May 1st at Rancho del las Palmas, in Moorpark, CA. This premier dinner welcomes elite community members and donors to a multi-course dinner from our region’s top chefs, providing you with an unmatched opportunity to share your featured brew and represent our 2026 “Best in Fest Brewery.” A representative from the brewery must attend the dinner and be willing to speak on stage about their beer.
- b) A trophy which will be presented on the Festival main stage, Sunday, June 7 (the Brewmaster or brewery owner must be present to accept the award, which can then be displayed at the winner’s booth).
- c) Two (2) VIP tickets to this year’s Festival.
- d) Preferred booth placement at this year’s Festival.
- e) An official Casa Pacifica Angels Wine, Food & Brew Festival “Best in Fest” flag set up in front of their booth (the winner should be sure to bring an extra supply of the winning brew to the Festival).
- f) Featured publication in the Festival press release, Festival website, e-blasts, and social media.

6. By signing below, I understand, agree and abide by these rules stated above:

Brewery _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Best Contact Phone _____

Email _____

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